expenditure on machinery, etc. They also propose to start an instructional side to the industry by taking up some students yearly, preferably sons of tanners and persons connected with the tanning of leather, and to give them a training for two years with a stipend of Rs 5 each per mensem for the first year and Rs 10 each per mensem for the second year. Necessary provision has therefore been made for the purchase of machinery, etc., under the Service Head "Industries" and for the purchase of raw materials under "Debt Head—Advances".

A set of rules is being issued by Government under Section 35 of the State Aid to Industries Regulation (Regulation IV of 1108). According to the Regulation the main duty of reporting on industrial loans and keeping proper accounts thereof devolves on the Director of Industries. With a view to render the necessary assistance to the Director, in the matter of maintaining accounts, it is proposed to appoint a qualified Accountant and Auditor in his office who will also act as Secretary to the Board of Industries.

In this connection, I am glad to inform the House that the Sugar Factory at Tuckalay is now working satisfactorily. The average melt of jaggery now amounts to 75 candies per diem and good marketable white sugar is being produced, the yield being about 55 per cent in weight of the jaggery melted. It has also been found possible to minimise the working charges by adopting improved methods in working.

19. *Medical, Public Health and Sanitation.*—The Budget estimate for the net year is Rs 12·59 lakhs or Rs ·80 of a lakh more than the current year's revised estimate.

20. *Medical.*—The Administrative Board, Medical Services, which was created as a tentative measure, was abolished in the current year and the department was placed under the control of the Darbar Physician with two Deputies to assist him. Besides the provision for the continuance of the existing special temporary staff for leprosy work and for the appointment of additional staff for hospital work, the Medical budget includes provision for improved equipment in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, especially for the purchase of appliances for the clinical laboratory attached to that institution. The allotment for the purchase of medicines has also been increased by Rs ·25 of a lakh. A provision of Rs 5,000 has been made for the payment of the grant to the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalli in view of the large number of Travancore patients who have been and are being treated in the institution.

21. *Ayurveda Department.*—In view of the growing popularity and usefulness of the Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum, and the limited number of beds for in-patients as compared with the number of patients coming in for treatment, it is proposed to increase the number of beds for in-patients. Provision has therefore been made for

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